

Not the Preacher But the Truth He Tells

This is what we often hear from a backslider—"I do not like the preacher." Now the preacher may be very imperfect, but he is the messenger of God Almighty, and he is the appointed leader of the church. You must not fail to be good even if some of your fellow Christians are not all that you like. We shall never have a church full of perfect people, but we must be loyal to the church, for other folk's failures will never save you!

And besides, how much better the preacher and church might be if you came forward in a loving spirit and did your duty!

And it is almost as bad when people say, "I like the preacher." The thing we ought to like is the truth, and the Heavenly Father who is behind the truth. Preachers come and go, but the word of God is eternal.

"Whosoever Will"

There is something more precious than money or reputation. "The Pearl of Great Price" is being right with God, and this "Pearl" is in the reach of every person who will seek for it.

The poorest person in the State of Kentucky may have it. The richest and best educated person in the State of Kentucky may miss it.

It is for "Whosoever Will." Will you?

Our Military Weakness

The weakness of the United States in its military establishment is not the lack of soldiers, but the lack of officers. The small task of bringing to the field a few thousand militiamen shows that our over-paid and pampered military officers are strikingly incompetent.

And the young men in the camps are in many cases suffering from the immorality which the officers do not suppress. Let us have a better army before we have a bigger one.

The Prepared Soul

Sermon by Dr. Benson H. Roberts, College Campus, Sunday, July 16

Text: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight"—Matthew 3:3.

From Maine to California, from Galveston to Duluth, the question of preparedness for military service is in the minds of the people. Like a huge blast the summons came to the men of the state guards and everywhere there was a ready response. Notably from the colleges and universities young men, the finest product of our country, sons of Yale, of Harvard, of Berea, from the numberless colleges they rallied to the call. Military camps sprang up everywhere and the character of the life of these men was changed in a day. The student laid aside his books, the merchant his wares, the accountant his ledger, the machinist his tools, the farmer left his fields, and their attention at once was devoted to the details of a military life.

John the Baptist begins his great mission with the summons, "Repent ye," change your mind, change your purpose. In the moral life bring about such change as these civilian soldiers have brought to pass in their daily life. Everywhere change marks progress. Boston, New York, Philadelphia, at vast expense by building extensive subways, thus making rapid transit possible, have enlarged immeasurably the possibilities of city life, accomplishing in a few minutes what twenty years ago would require an hour of travel. The cost was great, immeasurably

A Spiritual Specialist

John the Baptist was a spiritual specialist, an expert in the matters of the soul. His specialty was preparing men for everlasting life. A man of cosmic vision, of vast soul insight, he would fit men by his summons to a Godlike life for two worlds. A character specialist, he addressed himself in the first place to the needs of the religious. The sins of the saints are many, and have been so throughout the ages. You remember that in speaking to Joseph of the coming Christ, the angel said, "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for he shall save His people from their sins." The woes of John were pronounced upon the most professedly religious of his day, the Scribes and the Pharisees. And these were they whom he summoned to repentance, to a change of purpose, to preparation, to a change of method.

Sins of Saints

The perils of the pious are many. Because they are devout they think that they are safe. It was to His disciples, to the men who were daily with Him, living in a very atmosphere of Heaven, seeing the miracles that He wrought, drinking in eager ears His gracious words, it was to these of the inner circle of Christian privileges, that Christ said, "Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation." To them was taught the prayer, "Lead us not into temptation."

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Be sure to begin reading the new serial, "Then I'll Come Back to You." Its a good one. We give the first chapter in this issue.

Now is the time to line up with those already busy on the Big Auto Contest we are having. It is one of the biggest stunts yet pulled off. The more who go into it, the easier for each one and the more interesting it will be. Read page three and the rules governing the same. This is not only for local people but for anybody anywhere. Send in your application at once; work your friends and neighbors; get an Overland and be the happiest person in your neighborhood.

The article on page two, "The Moral Effects of the War upon America" by Doctor McFarland is a good one. Don't fail to read it and get a new vision.

Be sure to read what the boys and girls did at the big convention of clubs at Berea, on page six.

Dr. B. H. Roberts of the Union Church preached a splendid sermon last Sunday. Read, in part, what he said on this page.

IN OUR OWN STATE

The University of Kentucky will celebrate its golden jubilee October 14. Preliminary plans have been made and thousands of alumni are expected to attend. A football game will be the feature of the day.

President Wilson, in the presence of Senator James and Representative Johnson, signed the bill transferring the Lincoln Farm and an endowment fund of \$50,000 to the Federal Government.

The Community Civic Club at Ives, Ky., is erecting a building which will serve as community center, free library and dispensary. The funds required were raised by voluntary contributions and the institution will be maintained in the same way.

Oil Prospects in Clark County
Preparations are now under way for drilling for oil near Indian Fields, Clark County. Mr. Pratt, President of the International Oil Co., of St. Louis, and Col. A. W. Hamilton, of Mt. Sterling, are preparing to put down a well at an early date in the hope of striking the very finest grade of oil.

Many Soldiers Rejected
Nearly one-half of the soldiers in the First Regiment, Kentucky National Guard, were rejected by the United States army physicians after the physical examination at Ft. Thomas. After 618 were rejected, there remained in the regiment, only 638 men. The regiment rank is 1,000 below war footing and 200 below the membership requirement in time of peace.

Somerset Capitalists Form New Coal Company
Judge J. Sherman Cooper, J. C. Walker, and C. I. Ross, all of Somerset, are the principal owners of the new company known as the Indian Creek Coal Company which has leased the mines of the Four Mile Coal Co., at Rim. The company is putting the property in good shape and hopes to have the mines running full capacity in a few weeks.

Estill Oil Activities
A large increase in production is shown in the Estill fields during the past week. The pipe line facilities are inadequate for conveying the oil from the field. The developed production now exceeds 12,000 barrels daily, while the pipe line is taking about 2,200 barrels daily, which is its full capacity. Wells are being drilled and plugged until they can be pumped. Drilling equipment is scarce and is hampering operations.

Whitley County Teachers' Institute
The Teachers' Institute of Whitley County will be held the week beginning Monday, August 21st. The instructors will be Prof. R. P. Greene, of Bowling Green; J. W. Ireland, of Bellevue and Miss Margaret Hackley, of Georgetown.

Morehead's New Mill Plant
The Lenox Saw Mill Company will soon install a complete Clark Bros. Olean, New York Saw mill equipment which will include an eight foot band mill and a seven-foot horizontal resaw. The entire plant will be electrically driven, power being furnished by a five hundred horse power turbine engine and generator.

Rowan County's Successful Institute
The Rowan County Teachers' Institute convened Monday morning, July 10th, at the Courthouse with about sixty teachers present. Prof. William Carl Hunt, of Berea College, has proven a most able instructor, and his presence has been highly appreciated by all in attendance. Tuesday, G. W. Lewis, of Chicago, explained his story method of teaching reading. Wednesday, Prof. Clark of Berea, gave an excellent talk on agriculture and fruit. Wednesday evening, Dr. W. A. Ganfield delivered an able address to the graduates.

First Line of Defense.
"Pa, what is the first line of defense?"
"That depends on the circumstances, son. If this country were at war the first line of defense would be the navy. When a man's married it's usually the telephone line, by which he tries to square himself before he comes home."
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

U. S. NEWS

The epidemic of infantile paralysis in New York has been checked successfully in the opinion of Health Commissioner Emerson.

President Wilson made a trip to the capitol Tuesday for a conference with Senate leaders in behalf of the Child Labor Bill. Southern opposition forced the measure off the rush legislative program.

A party of mounted Mexicans exchanged fire with L Company, of the Ninth Massachusetts Infantry, near El Paso. The guardsmen were doing outpost duty when the Mexicans rode up and opened fire. The guardsmen suffered no casualties, but reported they believed they had killed one Mexican.

HURRICANE SWEEPS NORTH CAROLINA

PROPERTY LOSS IS ESTIMATED TO REACH NOT LESS THAN \$10,000,000.

Hundreds Are Rendered Homeless—Five Reported Dead—Railroads, Telegraph and Telephones Put Out of Commission.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Atlanta, Ga.—Serious floods in North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Virginia caused five known deaths, rendered hundreds homeless, damaged property and crops to the extent of more than \$10,000,000, according to first estimates, and demoralized railway, telegraph and telephone communication. Following the hurricane that struck the South Atlantic Coast Thursday, unprecedented rains have fallen, driving rivers and smaller streams from their banks and imperiling many lives. The French Broad River has broken from its course near Asheville, flooding factories and homes in the lower part of the city. At Biltmore three persons, Captain J. C. Lipe, Miss Nellie Lipe and Mrs. Leo Mulholland, were drowned when the Lipe house was flooded. The beautiful Vanderbilt estate at Biltmore was slightly damaged. In and around the village of Biltmore property loss, including wood working plants and lumber yards, was placed at \$300,000.

Hendersonville reports placed the property loss in Henderson county at approximately \$1,000,000. The plant of the Hendersonville Light and Power Co. was put out of commission and the city reservoir flooded by muddy torrents that made the city drinking water unfit for consumption. Many persons were driven from their homes and a number of bridges carried away. Two persons were drowned at Asheville while trying to get food to flood refugees in the second story of the Glenn Rock Hotel. Many are marooned in their residences along the river and rescue parties for hours have fought their way against the rushing current in an effort to reach them. Swift streams are flowing down some of the streets of lower Asheville. The Southern Railway station is flooded to a depth of six feet, as are all other buildings in that vicinity. The city proper is without lights, but otherwise is not affected. Throughout Western North Carolina the situation is reported to be serious.

TRAIN WRECKS AUTOMOBILE.

Lima, O.—Three persons were killed and one was injured when an automobile in which four were riding was struck by a C. & D. freight train at the Main street crossing in Leipsic, north of here. All four reside in the country, five miles from Leipsic.

CLEANING UP QUAKER CITY.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A police raid in which 104 resorts were cleaned up and 582 prisoners taken, stunned the restricted district. Among the men and women gathered in the net were some of the most desperate and hardened characters in the country and at least three couples of respectable families, not to mention many of hitherto unspotted reputations. Hearings began before Magistrate Pennock midnight Saturday and continued without cessation until late afternoon.

The Dwarf Palm of Algeria.

The dwarf palm, which furnishes considerable quantities of fiber, grows in great profusion in Algeria and is one of the principal obstacles to the clearing of the land, so thickly does it grow and so difficult is it to pull up. Its roots, in shape resembling carrots, penetrate into the ground to the depth of a yard or more, and when its stem only is cut it sprouts out again almost immediately. As its name indicates, this palm is very small and can only attain a certain height when protected, as in the Arab cemeteries, for example.

COL. CHESTER HARDING

Mentioned as Successor to Gen. Goethals as Canal Governor.



FLOOD LOSSES WILL RUN INTO MILLIONS

Fifty Persons Missing and Hundreds Homeless.

Asheville, N. C., July 18.—With a number of towns to the east, west and south of here completely cut off from communication, it is impossible to estimate the loss of life and property for the day due to the floods, but several bodies have been reported floating in the swollen rivers and grave fears are felt for the isolated districts.

Reports from the west indicate that the town of Marshall, twenty miles west of here, has been completely destroyed. Estimates of damage to crops and property are from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000.

There is some abatement in the flood stage on the French road and Swannanoa rivers, but little abatement in the suffering that has been caused in Asheville and its vicinity by the flood.

Most of the houses in the village of Biltmore, on the great Vanderbilt estate, are half under water, and Asheville is without electric light, gas, street car service and is suffering from a shortage of gasoline and kerosene.

Before the disquieting news from the outlying towns came in it was estimated that the list of known dead would total thirteen. Fifty persons are reported missing and hundreds are homeless.

SHARKS NUMEROUS ON COAST

Government Abandons Proposed Campaign of Extermination.

New York, July 18.—Sharks are the undisputed masters of the Atlantic coast. The federal government has abandoned its proposed campaign of extermination by the coast guard along the New Jersey branches. The enemy were simply too numerous. The government's marine experts acknowledge that the coast is in a state of blockade by living submarines.

Bathers must look out for their own safety. Torpedo net barriers are being installed wherever there are bathing houses on ocean or bay.

Meanwhile captains of arriving steamships say the Atlantic is alive with a veritable plague of sharks, and several were caught along the coast.

TWO ESCAPE FROM JAIL

Kills Guard and Wounds Another in Making Getaway.

Camden, N. J., July 18.—Wilson Ashbridge, twenty-two years old, who was awaiting trial for the murder of Mrs. Eliza Dunbar, a vaudeville actress, whom he shot and killed on Jan. 22, and George E. Thompson, forty-one, awaiting trial for passing bogus checks, escaped from a cell in the Camden county jail, after murdering Isaac Hibbs, sixty-eight, a keeper, and wounding Joseph Ellis, also sixty-eight, an assistant keeper.

The men are believed to have escaped in an automobile which had been seen waiting for some time about three blocks from the jail. The police are searching for three women who waited Ashbridge in jail during the afternoon. One carried a package, which is believed to have contained the revolver. They were also thought to have arranged for the automobile.

WORLD NEWS

The English and French troops have continued their drive on the western frontier against the Germans. They have advanced a distance of about four miles and are now attacking the third line of defense. Their resistance has been less severe since the breaking of the first line. The English have used the cavalry to good effect for the first time.

The Russians are meeting stubborn resistance on the eastern frontier of the war but seem to be making headway against the Germans. The fighting has been particularly desperate around the village of Skrobowa. Russian armies are much superior to those used in the earlier stage of the war and ammunition is abundant.

Pressure is being brought to bear in Germany to secure the dismissal of the Chancellor, Bethman Hollwig, and the appointment of someone who will be favorable to a renewal of the submarine warfare against England, which was stopped by the protest of the United States.

The feeling between Germany and Italy is growing more tense owing to the treatment by Germany of Italians living on German soil. Italy claims a violation of the agreement made by the German diplomat, Von Bulow, who has been trying to prevent a breach between the two countries.

The German submarine, Deuchland, which came into the port at Baltimore has been officially declared to be only a merchant vessel as it would require a reconstruction to fit her for war. This decision applies only to this one vessel and submarines which follow this one will have to be judged on their own merits.

A large force is being quietly assembled at Salonika, in Greece, preparatory to an offensive movement in that direction. The army is largely made up of Servians who are said to be in fine condition and anxious to get into action. English and French transports have landed large numbers of troops, evading the Austrian and German submarines.

A revolt of the Arabians from Turkish rule is imminent. For some time they have been restless and being deeply impressed with the government of England in India, they have been gradually turning against Turkey. Such a revolt would be an important factor in the Asiatic side of the war.

The Turks have been defeated by the Russians to the west of Erzerum, which place was taken some time ago. They have thus opened up still farther the way toward Constantinople along the southern shore of the Black Sea.

Mexico and the United States have agreed to a Joint Commission to draw up a plan for the defense of the frontier under a combined patrol. This is a substantial gain toward a peaceful solution of the Mexican trouble. It is reported that a better feeling is springing up in Mexico toward Americans.

Congress has passed the Federal Aid Road Bill which appropriates \$85,000,000 for the construction of rural post roads. By this bill the federal government cooperates with the states to the extent of one-half of the expense of construction.

NEW ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS

Every United States Warship to Be Equipped With Weapon.

Washington, July 18.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced that every battleship in the United States navy will be equipped soon with the "most effective anti-aircraft guns in the world."

The guns were designed by Rear Admiral Joseph Strauss, chief of the navy bureau of ordnance, and his assistants. The guns were built at the Washington navy yard and were successfully tested at the Indian Head (Md.) proving grounds.

"This new gun," Secretary Daniels said, "is very powerful and if desired will shoot straight up in the air at an angle of 90 degrees to a height of 27,000 feet, having range sufficient to reach aircraft at any altitude at which they operate effectively."